

Eastern Oregon University
College of Education

Special Education Endorsement Program

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

EOU Financial Aid Office (541) 962-3550

Grants & Scholarships

Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) Financial Aid Booklet (available through EOU Financial Aid Office) provides a listing of financial aid resources available to students in Oregon. See the *James Carlson Memorial Scholarship* for those interested in working with individuals with autism and the *Harriet Simmons Scholarships* for those entering the post-secondary work in the field of education. **The applicant only needs to fill out one form in order to be eligible for several scholarships appropriate to the field of study/area raised.** Visit <https://secure.osac.state.or.us/start.aspx> for the application.

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Scholarships are available to female Oregon residents entering their 3rd or 4th year of higher education (graduate students accepted). Application deadline is April 15, 2009. More information can be found at www.oregonoes.org.

Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarship Application

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) pays for coursework that leads to a degree and/or certification in special education. Up to \$17,000 in loans will be forgiven if the graduate teaches for a specified period of time. Contact the *National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education* at www.special-ed-careers.org or ncpse@cec.sped.org

Arc of Washington Trust Fund (www.arcwa.org) offers grants to students interested in working with individuals with mental retardation. Students from EOU are encouraged to apply. Additional information may be obtained at arcwatrust@charter.net

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides the opportunity for students in post-secondary education to receive grants based on financial need. The *TEACH Grant*. Provisions regarding the TEACH grant are found on the following pages (a 3.25 GPA is required).

Loans

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides the opportunity for students in post-secondary education to receive loans based on financial need. Types of loans available are: *William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program* and *Federal Family Education Loan Program*. The process for qualifying for aid begins by filling out the online/paper FAFSA application.

Visit: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

Information on Scholarship Scams

The **Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid** web site contains the latest information on scholarship scams that defraud parents and students, and on how to identify legitimate organizations.

Scholarship Web sites

Various sources of information about scholarships and awards are now readily available online. Places to inquire include public libraries, school counseling or financial aid offices, service organizations, corporations, labor unions, professional associations, minority programs, community groups and the following web sites:

- [FinancialAidTips.org](http://www.financialaidtips.org) <http://www.financialaidtips.org>
- [Fastweb](http://www.fastweb.com) <http://www.fastweb.com>
- [Scholarship Experts](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com) <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com>
- [Scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) <http://www.scholarships.com>
- [College and Career](http://scholarship.carreersandcolleges.com) <http://scholarship.carreersandcolleges.com>
- [College Insider Resources](http://www.ezcir.com) <http://www.ezcir.com>
- [Collegenet](http://www.collegenet.com) <http://www.collegenet.com>

FEDERAL TEACH GRANT APPLICATION & DISBURSEMENT PROCESS

1. The EOU College of Education identifies TEACH Grant eligible students in the CUESTE, MTE, MS (including endorsement programs) or seniors admitted to the masters program and sends lists the EOU financial aid office.
2. The EOU financial aid office sends eligible students information about the Federal TEACH Grant and application procedures.
3. The EOU financial aid office offers the Federal TEACH Grant on the students Banner award (RPAAWRD) and posts the Entrance Interview requirement on the students financial aid system requirements page (RRAAREQ) in Banner. The student can view the requirement on Webster.
4. Students review the Federal TEACH Grant Entrance Interview material (on the EOU financial aid web page), print and complete the Entrance Interview Test (on the financial aid office web page) and send the completed test to the financial aid office.
5. Students accept their Federal TEACH Grant on the financial aid section of Webster.
6. EOU financial aid office originates Federal TEACH Grant records to the US Department of Education Common Origination & Disbursement System (COD).
7. EOU sends emails to students with information about how the students can complete their *Agreement to Serve* (ATS) at the US Department of Education site.
8. Students complete their *Agreement to Serve* (ATS).
9. EOU financial aid office receives “acknowledgement” records from US Department of Education COD system and disburses Federal TEACH Grant funds.

Note: until EOU financial aid office sends an origination record for the Federal TEACH Grant to the US Department of Education COD site, students will be unable to go the to the US Department of Education TEACH Grant web site and complete an ATS.

High Need Fields

Bilingual Education	English Language Acquisition
Foreign Language	Mathematics
Reading Specialist	Science
Special Education	Other identified Teacher Shortage areas* (see link below)